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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. THE Long RANGE CUP will be Shot for on SATURDAY, the 2nd Dec. Hongkong, 800 and 900 yards. Time, 2.45 p.m. ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, November 29, 1893. 2049

QUAN YAK & Co. (NEXT TO VICTORIA HOTEL). CHINESE AND JAPANESE FANCY GOODS BAZAAR. LADIES' DRESS AND UNDERWEAR. Hongkong, November 29, 1893. 2028

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. Adjustment of Bonus for the Year 1892. SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS OF PREMIUM for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the Proportion of PROFIT for that year to be PAID as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th Instant will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed. By Order of the Directors, JAS. R. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1893. 1897

WINDSOR HOTEL. (in Connaught Buildings), QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE. Cuisine under European management. Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room. Hot and Cold water. Passenger Elevator to all floors. Charges from \$2 per day upwards. Special Rates for Families or Permanent Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let. Unfurnished, and Rooms with or without Board, by day or month. Apply at the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor. Hongkong, August 23, 1892. 1534

THE ONODA CEMENT CO. MANUFACTURED BY THE ONODA CEMENT CO. AND THE NIIHON CEMENT CO. THE Undersigned are now prepared to EXECUTE ORDERS AT MODERATE PRICES. MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Sole Agents. Hongkong, September 13, 1893. 1599

HONGKONG HOTEL. ON and after 1st DECEMBER NEXT, NO CHITS will be accepted or Credit given in the above Hotel. By Order of the Board, R. TUCKER, Manager. Hongkong, October 20, 1893. 1812

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE. FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board. Also Table Accommodation. Apply to Mrs. GILLANDERS, 12, 'GLENKILLY BUILDINGS,' Wyndham Street. Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2008

STAINFIELD'S PRIVATE FAMILY HOTEL, 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. VISITORS will find SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION at MODERATE Terms. Hongkong, September 1, 1893. 1827

CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths. NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS. VOYAGERS' CALCULATORS, BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, REPTILES, LIPID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS. English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware, Crystal & Co.'s Crystal-Plated Ware, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety. DIAMONDS. DIAMOND JEWELLERY. A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 742

Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO. DRESS SHIRTS, COLLARS AND HANDKERCHIEFS. DANCING PUMPS AND EVENING SHOES. CAMBRIC TIES AND BOWS, DINNER TIES. GLOVES. The Latest Styles in SILK SOCKS for evening wear. GENTLEMEN'S WINTER UNDERCLOTHING. NEW SCARVES AND CRAVATS. BOOTS AND SHOES. WINTER SUITINGS. CLOTHING AND OUTFITTING. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, November 13, 1893.

W. POWELL & Co. SPECIALITIES FOR 'ST. ANDREW'S BALL.' TARTAN SILK SASHES in Leading Colors. ELECTRO SHOULDER BROOCHES. EVENING WRAPS AND CLOAKS. SILK HOSIERY. EVENING SHOES. GLOVES, &c., &c. W. POWELL & Co. Hongkong, November 22, 1893

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL. 1,400 FEET ABOVE THESEA LEVEL. Telephone No. 33. THIS MAGNIFICENT HOTEL is situated at the most beautiful part of the HILL DISTRICT; the Air is delightfully cool and bracing, the Temperature being at least 10 degrees lower than in the valley beneath. Luxuriously furnished, and Cuisine and Wines First-class. THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER is served in the GRAND DINING ROOM at 7.45 P.M. Arrangements can be made for DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE ROOMS. Tables or Seats can be reserved for the TABLE D'HOTE, and WINES laid to Order. For further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned, or to the SECRETARY at the Company's OFFICE, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central. R. ISHERWOOD, Manager, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL. Hongkong, October 3, 1893. 1705

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY. ALLISTON & Co., SOLE AGENTS. HONGKONG AND THE FAR EAST. 62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, November 11, 1893. 1949

HONGKONG HOTEL. Telephone, No. 52. THE MOST COMMODIOUS and BEST-APPOINTED HOTEL in the Far East; situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, and adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony). The HOTEL STEAM LANCHON conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy. The BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication. The READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, LADIES' DRAWING ROOMS, the NEW BAR and BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. WINES and SPIRITS of the Best Brands only. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above. Night Porters and Waitresses are continually on duty. R. TUCKER, Manager. Hongkong, October 21, 1892.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL. JUST RECEIVED. LADIES' SATIN SHOES (in Black and White). KID, SUEDE and SILK GLOVES. LACE HANDKERCHIEFS. EVENING WRAPS, FANS, &c., &c. HONGKONG TRADING CO., J. P. COTTEAU, Managing Partner. Hongkong, November 27, 1893.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:— FOR STEAMSHIP DATE. REMARKS. SHANGHAI.....Rohda.....About 3rd Dec.....Freight or Passage. SHANGHAI AND KOBÉ.....Malacca.....About 5th Dec.....Freight or Passage. LONDON, &c.....Batavia.....Noua, 7th Dec.....See Special Advertisement. JAPAN.....Yerona.....Noua, 8th Dec.....Freight or Passage. LONDON.....Japan.....About 12th Dec.....Freight or Passage (calling at MANILA, if sufficient inducement offers). LONDON.....Malacca.....About 5th Jan., '94.....Freight or Passage (calling at MANILA, if sufficient inducement offers). For further Particulars, apply to P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 28, 1893.

NOTICE. ON and after the 1st DECEMBER NEXT, NO CHITS will be taken in the following Hotels:— THE VICTORIA HOTEL. PEAK HOTEL. KOWLOON HOTEL. DORABEE NOWROOZE, Proprietor. Hongkong, October 25, 1893. 1857

CALBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, 19, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1612

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 5th December, 1893, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, an INVOICE OF JAPANESE WARE, comprising:— KOTO and SATSUMA VASES, JARS, PLATES, BOWLS, INCENSE BURNERS and TEA SETS. PANELS, BRONZES, SMOKING SETS and ORNAMENTS, &c., &c., &c. TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, November 23, 1893. 2062

To Let. TO LET. N. O. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the Post Office—suitable for OFFICES or CHAMBERS. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, PRINCE CENTRAL. Hongkong, March 1, 1893. 390

DWELLING HOUSES.—'THE WILDERNESS,' CAINE ROAD. Nos. 2 and 8, CHANCERY LANE. No. 8, WINDHAM STREET. FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS. FLOORS in ELGIN STREET, PEARL STREET and ST. ANDREW'S STREET. Nos. 11 and 12, COOPER'S ROAD, MESSING GATE—FURNISHED. No. 11, KNOTFORD TERRACE, Kowloon. OFFICES.—FIRST and SECOND FLOORS No. 4, Queen's Road Central, over the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN & STRAITS, LTD. GROUND and SECOND FLOORS of No. 7, PRINCE CENTRAL, New Oriental Bank Co.'s premises. PRINCE CENTRAL, over Messrs. DOUGLAS LAFFAN & Co.'s. GODOWNS.—BLUE BUILDINGS. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, November 4, 1893. 1338

NO. 2, 5, 7 and 12, SEYMOUR TERRACE. THIRD FLOOR in No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD. ROOMS in COLLEGE CHAMBERS. OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS. No. 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD (Government Girls' School). No. 4, PEDDER'S HILL. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. (Hongkong, November 13, 1893. 985

TO LET. OFFICES and GODOWNS in 'BANK BUILDINGS,' Queen's Road, No. 16 to 20, lately occupied by Messrs. DODWELL, CARLILL & Co. HOUSE, No. 6, ICE HOUSE STREET, lately occupied by Messrs. GIBBS, LIVINGSTON & Co. HOUSES at 'BELLIS TERRACE,' Robinson Road. GODOWNS in DUNDRELL STREET. SHOP, No. 24, 'BANK BUILDINGS,' opposite 'Hongkong Hotel.' HOUSE, No. 21, SHELLEY STREET. Apply to BELLIS & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1893. 2048

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES. SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. STEAMSHIP GLAMORGANSHIRE, FROM NEW YORK. CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 27th Instant. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th December will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 4th Dec., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th Dec., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance will be counter-signed by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 27, 1893. 2035

FOR SALE. CHINESE SCHOOL BOOKS: SAM-TSE-KING, T'AI-TSE-MAN, LITERALLY TRANSLATED AND EXPLAINED BY DR. E. J. EITEL. Price: 15 CENTS PER COPY. CHINA MAIL OFFICE, (Hongkong, May 17, 1893. 905

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE for LADIES and GENTLEMEN. Special attention to Ladies' comfort. Accommodation for Table Boarders. Central situation. Mrs. MATEER, 2 and 3 Pedder's Hill. Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

Shipping.

Steamers. FOR KOBÉ (DIRECT). The Steamship Tayoumaru, Edwards, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 1st Dec., at 5 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 25, 1893. 2034

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA. The Steamship Afghan will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 1st December. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 22, 1893. 2013

'Shell' Line of Steamers. S.S. TROCAS S.S. MUREX S.S. SPONDILUS S.S. TURBO S.S. ELAK S.S. CONCHO S.S. VOLUTE S.S. DULLMOUTH. (Taking Cargo on through Bill of Lading to NEW YORK.) The Next Sailing will be:— FOR HAVRE AND LONDON, The Steamship CLAM, via Singapore, on or about 30th November. FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON, S. S. VOLUTE, via Singapore on or about 3rd December. For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 25, 1893. 1764

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG. The Steamship Schenck, Capt. DAVES, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 30th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 13, 1893. 1958

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL. The Co.'s Steamship Glasgow, Capt. G. H. CROFTON, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 30th Instant. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2003

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.) The Co.'s Steamship Thide, Captain BARWICK, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd December. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, November 23, 1893. 2044

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT. STEAM TO CALCUTTA, VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG. The Co.'s Steamship Thide, Capt. G. COVACHO, will leave for the above places on the 2nd December, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to O. ZANELLA, Agents. Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2006

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. The Co.'s Steamship Changsha, J. WILLIAMS, Commander, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 7th December. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine-room. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, November 24, 1893. 2021

Shipping.

Steamers. MILBURN LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship Tarkenton, Captain WISE, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th December. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2007

UNION LINE. FOR KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA. The Steamship Ehigawa, Capt. WAKES, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 6th December. For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 28, 1893. 2046

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA. The Co.'s Steamship G. H. KEMP, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th December. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 28, 1893. 2047

MAILS. STRAITS, OCEAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT. MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS. THE Steamship RAVENNA, Capt. G. W. F. BROWN, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for ROMBAI, on THURSDAY, the 7th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Port. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. PENINSULAR, which vessel takes on her Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 30th DECEMBER, 1893.) Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Cebu into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading. For further Particulars, apply to H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 24, 1893. 2027

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS. STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEEN, SUEZ. PORT SAID. MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX. ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA. ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th December, 1893, at Noon, the Company's Steamship OXUS, Commander DUPONT, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECUL, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places. Cargo and Specul will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon. On or after the 13th December, 1893, the Specul and Parcels must be sent to the Agency's Office. Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office. G. de CHAMPAUX, Agent. Hongkong, November 23, 1893. 2031



## BIRTH.

At 2, Collegio Gardens, Hongkong, the  
wife of Capt. F. D. GODDARD, Douglas S.S.  
Co.'s s.s. *Haitan*, of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 6.10 p.m.

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**TELEGRAMS.**  
[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']  
(Via Southern Line)

**ANOTHER OUTRAGE IN GERMANY.**  
LONDON, November 28.  
An infernal machine identical with the one received by Count von Caprivi was sent from Orleans to the Emperor William.

The appearance of the box containing the machine excited suspicion and precautions were taken to render it harmless.

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**ITALY.**

Zanardelli is attempting to form an Italian Cabinet.

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**FRENCH MINISTRY.**

The deadlock continues. President

Carnot has again consulted with M. M. Perier, Devalle, and Dupuy.

**UNITED STATES TARIFF.**

The tariff provides for the gradual abolishing of the sugar bounties, adds wool to the free list, and reduces the duty on castor oil to 35 cents per gallon.

**PARISH COUNCILS BILL.**

The Parish Councils Bill, which has been introduced into the House of Commons, provides for the abolition of the parish councils in England and Wales, and for the establishment of a new system of local government.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

field, 31; Carmarthenshire, Nov. 3; Friggs, 7; Palmarus, 10; Priok, 14; Pemptos, Benlarig, Genna, 17.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—Port Albert, Oct. 27; Myrrindon, Strathleen, Nov. 7; Agammon, Preuss, Shanghai, Ganfa, 10; Glenfruin, Lavang, 14; Ixion, 17.

The P. & O. s. a *Robilla* with the Eng-

LISH MAIL of Nov. 3, left Singapore  
 on Sunday, the 26th Nov., at 6 p.m.,  
 and may be expected here at 6 p.m. on  
 Saturday, Dec. 2. This packet brings  
 replies to letters despatched from  
 Hongkong on Sept. 28.

The P. M. Steamship Co.'s steamship *City*  
*of Peking*, with the American Mail of  
 Nov. 9, left Yokohama on Thursday,  
 Nov. 30, at daylight, and may be  
 expected here on or about Tuesday,  
 Dec. 5.

The N. P. s. s. *Tacoma*, from Tacoma, Wash., and Victoria, B.C., left Yokohama for Hongkong, via ports, on Nov. 27.

The C. P. R. s. s. *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver, left Kobe at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The P. M. s. s. *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on Nov. 21.

The N. P. s. s. *Mogul* left Victoria, B.C., for Japan and Hongkong on Nov. 24.

The N. G. I. s. s. *Giava*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on Nov. 22, and may be expected here on or about Nov. 29.

The D. D. R. Chartered s.s. *Cassius*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on Nov. 22, and may be expected here on or about the 30th Nov.

the *P. & O. s.s. Singapore* on Nov. 22, and may be expected here on or about Nov. 30.

the *a. Chelydra*, from Calcutta, &c., left Singapore on Nov. 23, and may be expected here on or about Nov. 30.

the *O. S. S. Co.'s s. s. Telemachus* left Singapore on Nov. 24, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 1.

the *P. & O. s.s. Malacca* left Singapore on Nov. 25, and may be expected: here

the Union Line s.s. *Ethiopia*, from Mid-  
desbro, Hamburg, &c., left Singapore  
on Nov. 27, and may be expected here  
on or about Dec. 5.

the China Mutual s.s. *Kintak*, from Glas-  
gow and Liverpool, left Singapore on  
Nov. 28, and may be expected here on  
or about Dec. 5.

the s.s. *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left  
Singapore for this port on Nov. 29,

Dec. 7.  
The P. & O. s. s. *Bombay* left London for  
this port on Nov. 11.

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The delivery of the French Mail was begun  
9.25 a.m.

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The C. P. R. s. s. *Empress of Japan* arrived  
Kobe at 9 a.m.

11 p.m. for Hongkong, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

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of the plethora of advertising novelties which come to us with Christmas is a neat pocket diary issued by the Union Fire and Assurance Society of London, of which H. Wicking is the Hongkong agent.

A death has been reported of Lieutenant-General John Neptune Sargent, C.B., who took part in the China War of 1860, fighting at the action of Sihno, the taking of Taku, and the capture of the Taku forts. Attaining the rank of major-

eral in 1870, he was again in China for  
several years between 1882 and 1885, became  
lieutenant-general in 1884 and was ap-  
pointed colonel of the 1st Battalion Royal  
Irish Rifles in 1891. General  
Gent was made a C.B. for his services  
in China.



**R.M.S. Imperator** has arrived from the north, and is lying in the offing. She will enter the harbour to-morrow evening. **R.M.S. Rattler** arrived from Amoy this morning. H.E. the Admiral Sir E. Fremantle is due here in the *Albatross* on December 8.

**Yesterday** afternoon by the burning of a steam-pipe on board the river steamer *Kueng Hoi* at Canton three men were severely scalded. Two Chinese were taken to the Civil Hospital, but the second engineer, Mr. Spinks, was taken to his own home.

**Yesterday** afternoon Captain Hastings held an enquiry into the circumstances of the fire in a shop at No. 22, Mei Lane on Monday, 29th November. The contents of the shop were insured for \$5,500 with Messrs. Fehalman and Co., who were represented at the enquiry by Mr. G. J. Phillips. His Worship found that the fire was caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp, and that from the evidence it did not appear that the stock was worth more than \$1000.

**At the Magistrate's** this morning Peter Macintosh was charged before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse with deserting from the Hongkong Police Force on 23rd February, 1891. Inspector Hansen said the accused was sworn in as a constable for five years on 9th November, 1886. While in the police the character of the accused was not good. The accused pleaded guilty. He stated he was under the influence of liquor when he deserted. He had been in the New South Wales Artillery, and had now been discharged. He produced his papers and other certificates of character. The accused came up from Australia in the steamer *Avic*, and was on his way to Shanghai. He was fined \$50.

We take the following from the *London China Express*:—The *Centurion*, which is to be the new flagship of H.M.'s Squadron on the China Station, seems to be a very well spoken of on all sides. It is a pity that a few more of the same class of ship are not put in at the dockyards. A naval correspondent writes:—It is with much regret that I hear Sir Joseph Whitworth and Company have been compelled to inform the authorities at Portsmouth Dockyard that in consequence of the coal strike they will probably be compelled to delay the supply of the new pattern mountings for the four 20-ton guns of the *Centurion*, the likelihood intended to reduce the *Imperator* as flagship on the China Station. The advent of the *Centurion* at Hongkong will be one of the best possible answers to the Franco-Russian demonstrations at Toulon and in Paris.

**Dr. Playfair**, who attended the Princess Marie of Roumania at her recent arrival here, has returned from Sinia to London. Before his departure he was presented by the King with a magnificent gold snuff-box and the insignia of a grand officer of the Order of the Crown of Roumania.

The *Tsushu* of Huihai, the Shan chieftain who has lately been on a visit to Great Britain has just started for the East, travelling via Colombo and Calcutta. He is the great ally of the British Government in the reception accorded him. He was particularly pleased with the manner in which he was received by Her Majesty at Balmoral. One of his sons is being educated at Rugby.

The *London and China Express* of 27th October says:—The 21st being the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the Victory, flagship of Lord Nelson, was, in accordance with custom, dressed with evergreens, garlands being hung at the mastshead and trucks of the historic ship which occupied a prominent position in Portsmouth Harbour. The spot where the hero fell was marked by a wreath, and also the cockpit in which he died. Admiral Sir Henry Chads presided at the annual meeting of the Royal Naval and Marine Officers' Home at Portsmouth, which is always held on Trafalgar Day, and Admiral Sir Lewis Jones, who is nearing his ninety-sixth birthday spoke to one of the resolutions. It was announced that the Duke and Duchess of York had consented to become patron and patroness of the home.

**Mr. Labouchere**, in *Truth*, says:—Nobody in a position of authority has been good enough to reply to my request for information as to whether the Viceroy and the Indian Commissioner-in-Chief are privileged to receive money home at \$250 per annum. I receive, however, from all sides assurances that it is 'generally understood' that this arrangement is in force. A correspondent goes so far as to assert that one of the Viceroy's committed home the whole of his salary at this rate, getting £17 for every £100, and then had it remitted back to him at this enhanced value. This beautiful story will appeal specially to Anglo-Indians of limited means who have been so long appealing to the Government to reduce the rate. The method of remitting home the small sums necessary for the support of their wives and children.

**A HORRIBLE** story comes from Biskupitz, in Austria, of a gang of men who caught young children and purposely inflicted various injuries upon them by which they became useful for begging purposes. On the arrival of the men several helpless children were found in the house with fractured arms and legs, bound in positions which could only lead to gross deformity. It is even stated that one little girl had suffered removal of both her eyes. Investigation of the basement of the house also resulted in the discovery of many appliances which had been designed for the production of infirmities. The method of this gang was that, as soon as the children (who had been stolen) were sufficiently deformed they were sold to other persons for begging purposes. It may be hoped that the perpetrators of this ghastly trade will not be suffered to escape without receiving the maximum penalty allowed by the law.

**THE BISHOP** in Japan and Mrs. Bicknell left Liverpool on 21st ult. by the steamer *Yamato* for the Japanese Archipelago. The steamer from Vancouver on 13th ult., and were expected to arrive in Japan about the 25th of November.

**Chess players**, with a turn for the history of their strategic amusements, will be interested to learn that all the hypotheses as to the origin of the game have suddenly been thrown by a recent extraordinary discovery in Egypt. It was generally assumed until now that the ancient Indians had invented chess; that it was introduced from India to Persia in the sixth century; and that by the Arabs, and in consequence of the Crusades, it spread from East to West. But here comes news of the latest excavations on the pyramid field of Saklari, which have brought to light a wall painting, on which a high official is represented as playing chess with a partner. The king of the game was King Tut, who belonged to the sixth dynasty. Professor Lepsius formerly assigned the reign of that monarch to about the year 2700 B.C. Professor Brugsch, however, assigns this chronology, namely, to the year 3300 B.C. So that chess would have been known in the most mysterious land of Mizium something like 5,200 years ago.

#### THE ALLEGED INCENDIARISM AT QUEEN'S ROAD.

At the Magistrate's yesterday, before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Lai Kit and Au Yat Chuen, first and second accusants of the papershop at 314 Queen's Road Central, were charged with 'unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to No. 314 Queen's Road Central, there being at the time some persons therein.'

Mr. G. C. C. Master appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown Solicitor, and Mr. C. D. Wilkinson appeared on behalf of the accused.

**Chun Yik Cheung** stated—I am master of a gold and silver smith shop at No. 314 Queen's Road Central. On Nov. 22nd at 11 p.m. I went home to my family house to sleep, which is No. 316 Queen's Road Central. I slept until 2 a.m. and then got up, opened the door of my room on the second floor, and slept in the passage. I noticed a strong smell of kerosene oil and I then opened a window looking on to Queen's Road. I could not see anything, but the odour of kerosene oil was strong, and I then went into the kitchen, where the smell was still present. It seemed to come from the skylight. I got a ladder and went out on to the roof, from where I noticed a window open on the third floor of 314, Queen's Road Central. Seeing a light in it I saw a heap of paper on the floor over a grate. There was a coil on which an opium lamp was burning and I saw the first prisoner light a cigarette with the lamp and apply it to the lamp on the floor, which immediately blazed up. Then I became frightened and ran away. The first prisoner is the only man I saw in the room. When I first looked into the room the lamp of paper was already there, and seemed to me that the smell of kerosene came from there, because it was stronger just by the window. I did not look into the room very carefully and I cannot say whether it contained any goods. When I ran away I crossed the house once, and I did not see what became of the first prisoner. His name is Lai Kit, and he is a resident in the paper shop at No. 314, Queen's Road Central. I do not know the second prisoner, but I have seen him in my shop since. I have known the first prisoner for three or four years.

**Mr. A. Turner**, architect, of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, was next called to prove several points.

**Chun Yik Cheung**, resumed, said—I awoke at 5.30 a.m. on the morning of the 23rd. I was sleeping on the second floor of No. 316, in the front room.

Further examined by Mr. Master—I saw a heap of paper, when I looked through the window of No. 314, on the floor. Part of the lamp was over a kerosene grate and part of it on the floor. The paper was saturated and a very strong smell of kerosene pervaded the place. Lai Kit was standing over it with a paper stick in his hand. He lit the paper, and it was this and it blazed up quickly. I saw no more. I was convinced that the paper had been saturated by kerosene. There was no time for me to call on between the moment that I first saw Lai Kit and the moment that he applied the light.

In case was adjourned till Monday next. For the first prisoner bail was refused; the second was allowed bail in two sureties of \$50 each.

#### THEFT OF LETTERS FROM THE TAIKOO HONG.

Before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse at the Magistrate's this morning, Wong Yau Sang, seaman, was charged with stealing two letters, one containing a cheque for \$290.30, the property of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, from their office in Battery Path, on the 25th November.

He pleaded not guilty.

**Mr. H. Chai** stated—I am shroff to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. On the 29th November at 10.45 a.m. the defendant brought a cheque to me and said he had picked it up, and asked me to give him a 'coushaw.' It is a cheque for \$290.30, payable to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and dated 21st November, 1893. I took him to Mr. Forsyth, who took him to the manager. The manager gave orders to have the defendant detained.

**Mr. Stephen Forsyth**, clerk to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, stated—I have charge of the Scottish Oriental Company. Shortly after noon the shroff came to me and asked if I had lost a cheque. I replied I had not. At the same time I recognised a cheque in his hand which I had been expecting from Messrs. Schomburgk and Co., of Hongkong. I asked him where he got it and he brought in the defendant, who stated he had picked it up in Battery Path. I then went to Mr. Scott, our manager, to see if he had received any letters from Hongkong and he said he had not. I know the handwriting in the cheque very well. It is from our usual correspondent in Hongkong. Subsequently, the two letters were shown in Court. I recognised one as a letter from Schomburgk and Co. The other, I understand, is a letter from Canton. The letters are addressed to Messrs. Butterfield

and Swire, Hongkong. The letter from Hongkong advised the enclosure of the cheque. When I saw the Chinese endorsement on the back of the cheque I asked the shroff what it meant. He told me the accused stated he took the cheque from the Hongkong office. Payment was refused, and he then brought the cheque to us.

**Inspector Hennessy**—I think it would be necessary to call the assistant manager of Butterfield and Swire to state that the letters were not opened in the usual way. It appears that yesterday morning early the shroff from the Post Office left the letters in the office of the Post Office, and it is supposed that the accused had been there and had stolen the letters and had not picked them up in Battery Path as he says he did.

**Mr. Hennessy** stated—I see the two letters in Court. I do not recognise them because they were altered.

**His Worship**—You don't know what you did with them?—I saw them at 3.30 a.m. on the 29th November. I left them in a box.

**Can you identify the letters?**—I did not take any particular notice. I had got several letters. There were three or four letters tied up together.

**You cannot say whether these two letters were two of them?**—I cannot.

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**His Worship**—Then those letters were not two of them?—I cannot say.

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#### SUPREMACY.

##### IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Mr. Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, November 30.

#### ALLEGED THEFT OF MOLLASSES.

**Ho Yu Shang**, comprador, was charged with stealing two batons of molasses from the steamer *Doutros*.

He pleaded not guilty.

The following witnesses were examined:—

**Messrs J. A. Cardo, E. D. Sanders, J. Brown, J. Kelly, C. H. Thompson, D. Currie, and Paul Grant.**

**Mr. C. A. Leach, Q.C.**, instructed by Mr. G. C. A. Master, prosecutor, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennis, defended the accused.

After a great deal of evidence had been taken the case was adjourned.

#### ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

Appropriately St. Andrew's Day which is being celebrated by the Scottish community to-day, we give the following somewhat amusing sketch, which will do no harm to many of our readers. It originally appeared under the heading 'St. Andrew in Calcutta':—

1. It came to pass in the year 5th thousand eight hundred and four score and one in the City of Palaces, dwelt certain wise men from the far country beyond the Great Wall.

2. In that year the rulers of the city did that which was right in their own eyes.

3. Now these wise men assembled themselves together, and they said one to another: Go to, let us remember our brethren who have perished.

4. For behold we be in a far country, and it shall come to pass that men shall say of us: Ye be naught but the earth, ye have fled from the land of your nativity because of the heat of your nativity, and ye have fled from the land of your nativity because of the heat of your nativity.

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